

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and following Remarks, is respectfully requested. The conditional allowance of claims 2-13 and claim 15 is noted and appreciated.

Referring to the detailed Action in the order of the sections as subtitled therein:

Information Disclosure Statement(s)

The Examiner's approval of the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) submitted on May 14, 2004 and June 21, 2004 is acknowledged, as is their entry and consideration by the Examiner.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed herewith citing the Slatter U.S. Patent 6,851,654 B2, which was first noted by the undersigned attorney of record when cited for the first time in a Notice of References Cited in a Notice of Allowance dated March 17, 2005 in applicants' companion application Serial No. 10/771,280, filed February 3, 2004 entitled "Adjustable Swivel Base". Thus the Slatter Patent 6,851,654 B2 first came to applicants' attention on the receipt date of that Action by the undersigned attorney of record, namely on March 21, 2005. The references cited in the Slatter Patent 6,851,654 B2 are also included in this Information Disclosure Statement, and they as well as Slatter 6,851,654 B2 are deemed of general interest only.

Drawings

The drawing objections made by the Examiner to FIGS. 1 and 12 have been corrected in accordance with the foregoing drawing correction submission. Accordingly,

approval of these amendments to Sheets Nos. 1 and 5 and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. The language of claim 2 that is incorporated into claim 1 by amendment also is amended in like manner to conform antecedents. Claim 3 has also been amended to conform antecedents to the amendments to claim 1. In view of the cancellation of claim 2 and incorporation thereof into claim 1, the dependency of claims 3, 5, 6 and 7 has been corrected. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a spelling error.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) has been obviated by the incorporation of the limitations of allowable claim 2 into claim 1 by the foregoing amendment. Claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice to thereby render moot the rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 14, 17 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice, thereby rendering moot the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 1, 3 – 13 and 15 as amended overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph and include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims as required by the Examiner. Therefore, claims 1, 3-13 and 15 as amended are now in condition for allowance.

The eight prior art U.S. patents made of record and not relied upon by the Examiner, as set forth on page 8 of the Action, have been reviewed and found to be of only general interest as background information for the invention as disclosed and claimed in the instant application. The claims remaining in this application as amended clearly distinguish patentably over each of these patents, whether considered alone or in any proper combination thereof.

Accordingly, this application now appears to be in condition for allowance with claims 1, 3-13 and 15 as amended, and such action is respectfully solicited.

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Enclosures:

Replacement Drawing Sheets 1 and 5
Drawing Sheets 1 and 5 marked in red to show amendments thereto
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In response to the objection of the Examiner to the drawings, FIGS. 1 and 12 have been corrected as required by the Examiner. The exploded view in FIG. 1 on Sheet No. 1 has been embraced by a bracket required by the Examiner and in accordance with MPEP, 608.02 and 37 CFR 1.84(h)(1) "Exploded views." Enclosed is a Replacement Drawing for Sheet No. 1 that includes all the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of this sheet, even though FIG. 1 is the only figure being amended on this sheet. The replacement sheet is labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header. Also enclosed is a copy of Sheet No. 1 as filed showing the amendment to FIG. 1, the added bracket encompassing the exploded view being shown in red ink and also the general reference numeral 20 and associated arrow lead line being shown cancelled, the general reference numeral 20 being moved to adjacent the center of the bracket line.

Drawing Sheet No. 5 has also been amended, and an amended replacement sheet is enclosed containing FIGS. 10, 11 and 12 with only FIG. 12 being amended therein. This sheet is also labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header of Sheet No. 5. The reference numeral "120" in FIG. 12 has been changed to "122", this change being shown in red ink on accompanying copy of Sheet No. 5 as filed, thereby obviating the Examiner's objection to FIG. 12 as set forth on page 3 of the Action.

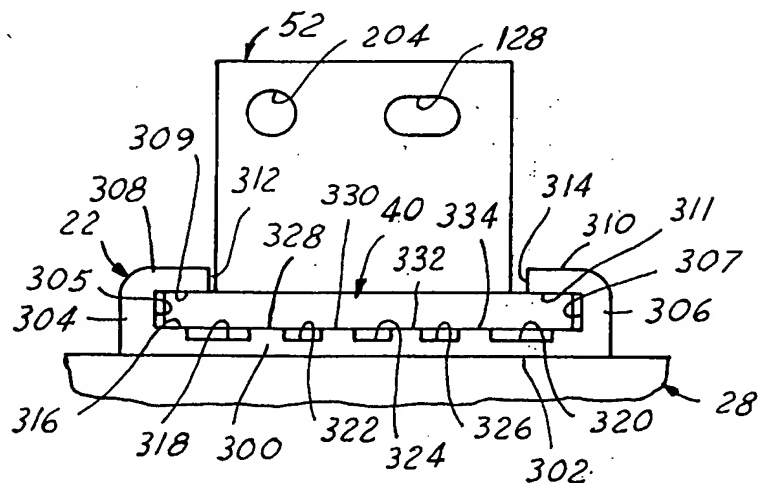


FIG. 10

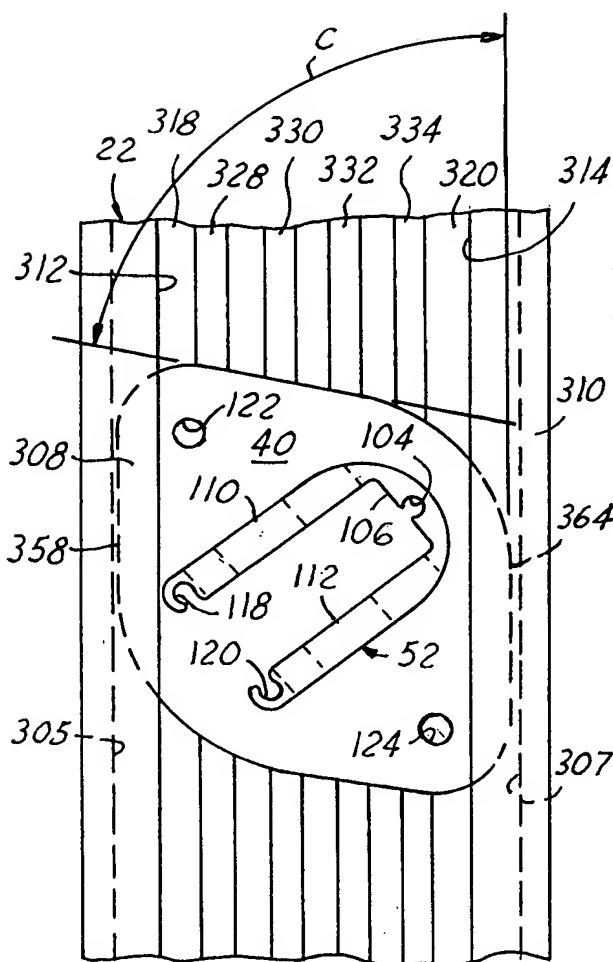


FIG. 11

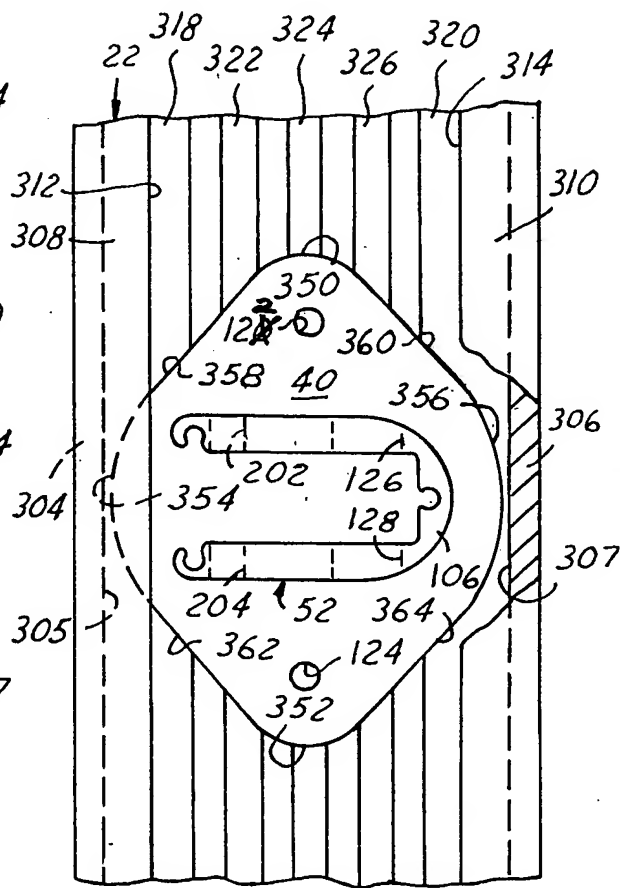


FIG. 12

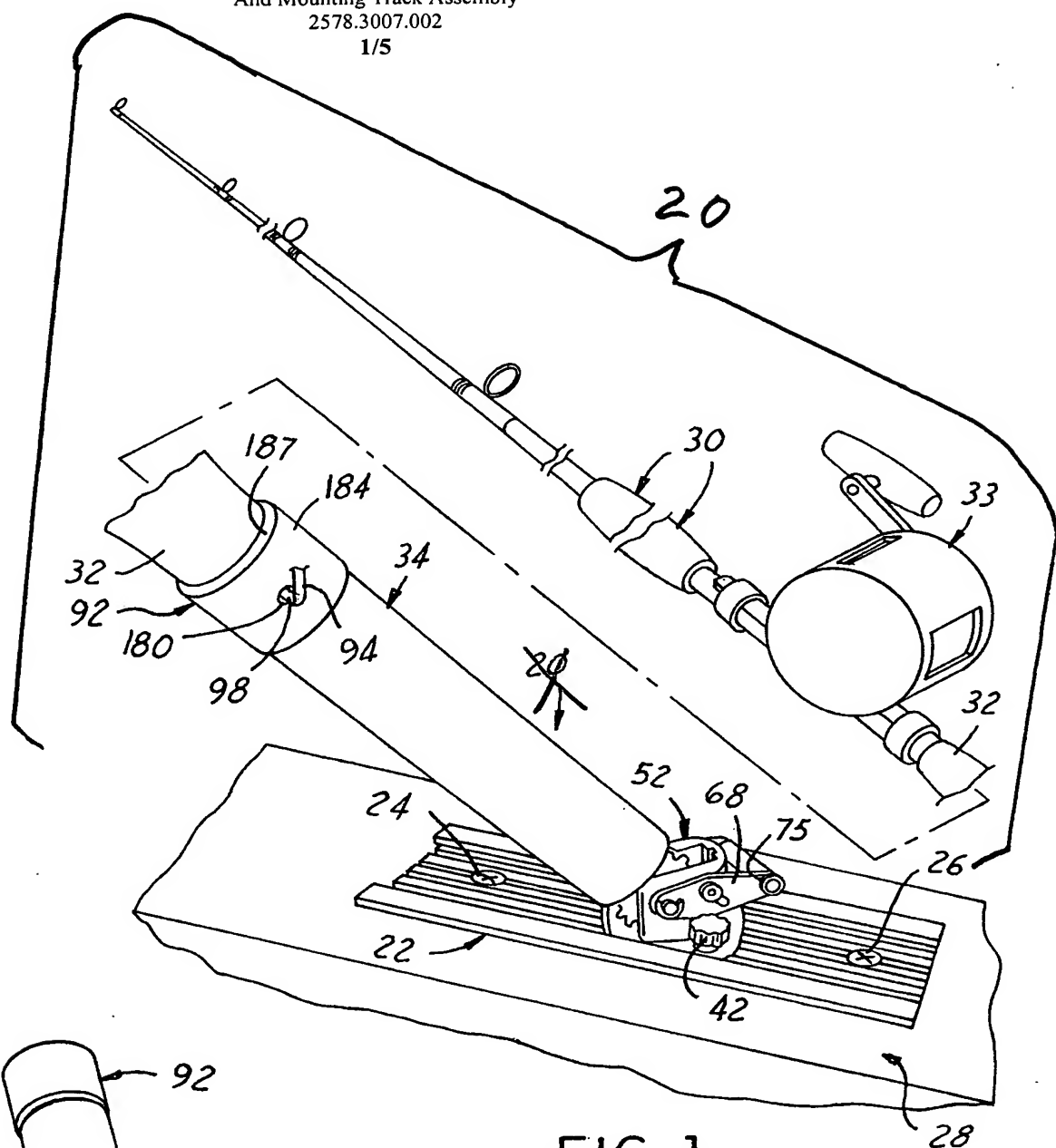


FIG. 1

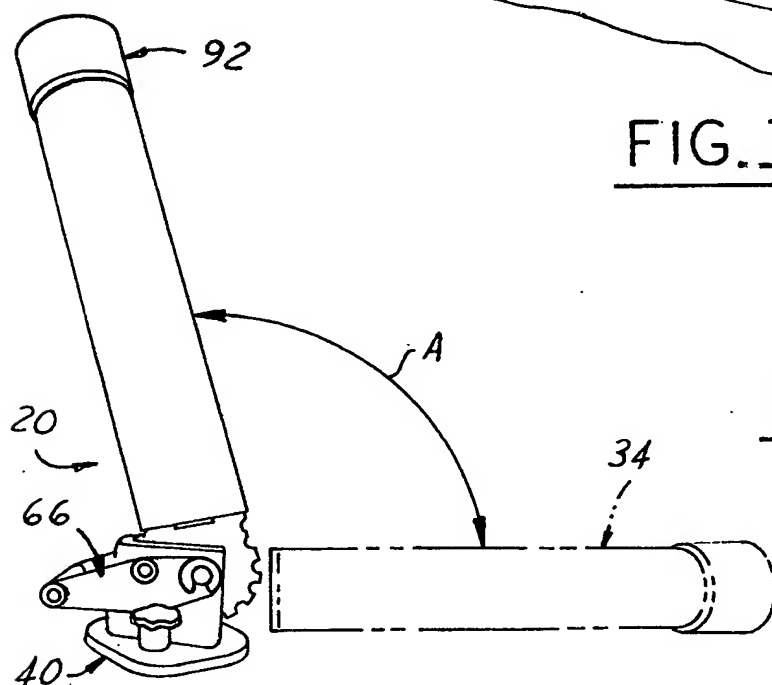


FIG. 2